

Same letter to: The Honorable Joseph M. McDade
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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The National Headquarters Office
National Park Service
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Washington, D.C.

April 5, 1977

Mr. Douglas Greenlee
President
Charles S. Peirce Society
Department of Philosophy
Temple University
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19122

Dear Mr. Greenlee:

As Secretary to the Council of the American Library Association, the governing body of the ALA, I have been instructed to transmit to you the enclosed Resolution on Legislation To Establish A Charles S. Peirce Philosophy Center and Memorial Museum. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by the ALA Council at its meeting in Washington on February 4, 1977.

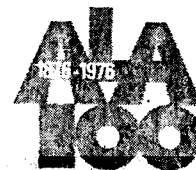
Sincerely,

Robert Wedgeworth
Executive Director

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LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH CHARLES S. PEIRCE PHILOSOPHY CENTER AND MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Adopted by the ALA Council

February 4, 1977

WHEREAS, Charles S. Peirce (1839-1914) is internationally recognized through his contributions to science, mathematics, logic, and philosophy as the most versatile and comprehensive thinker America has produced; and

WHEREAS, his house a few miles above Milford, Pennsylvania, where he lived and worked the last twenty-six years of his life and which he designed with the aim of establishing there "an institution for the pursuit of pure science and philosophy," can justly be regarded as one of American's most treasured intellectual shrines; and

WHEREAS, this house and grounds, which Peirce called Arisbe, is now owned by the National Park Service, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and awaits development as a prime public interest facility and educational resource; and

WHEREAS, to insure such development, Congressman Joseph M. McDade, Pennsylvania 10th District, has introduced legislation which will designate the property the "Charles S. Peirce National Historic Site," will establish the house as the "Charles S. Peirce Memorial Museum of Philosophy," and will authorize construction nearby of a Peirce Center to serve students, scholars, and the visiting public; and

WHEREAS, the American Library Association is concerned with the development and preservation of this nation's intellectual heritage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Library Association records its support for the action of Congressman McDade, his Congressional co-sponsors, and the National Park Service for affording Charles S. Peirce this living memorial, and urges Congress to pass the necessary legislation to ensure its establishment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman McDade, the National Park Service, and the President of the Charles S. Peirce Society, and that it be given publicity through the library press.

Transmitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Wedgeworth".

Robert Wedgeworth
Secretary of the Council

